

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants hereby submit a Substitute Specification. A marked up version of the Specification showing all the changes and a clean version without markings are submitted herewith.

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 13 and pages 2-4, 6, 8-9, 12 and 15-24 of the Specification. In the amendments to the Specification, Applicants have updated the continuation and priority information of the subject application, corrected typographical errors and updated the status of referenced applications. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Applicants submit that the Substitute Specification presents no new matter and respectfully request entry of the same.

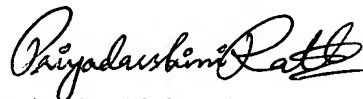
CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants believe that the subject application is ready for examination. Examination of the subject application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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Limited Recognition under 37 CFR 10.9(b)

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